

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MAYOR: Tonita Gurulé-Girón

COUNCILORS: David G. Romero
Vincent Howell
David A. Ulibarri, Jr.
Barbara A. Casey

ALSO PRESENT: Ann Marie Gallegos, Interim City Manager
Anna Gonzales, Recorder
Esther Garduno Montoya, City Attorney
Kenneth Jenkins, Sergeant at Arms

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Councilor Howell asked the Lord to hold within his arms, those who were cold and asked residents who were warm, to be generous and have concern for community members who were not as fortunate.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve the agenda as is. Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David G. Romero	Yes	Barbara A. Casey	Yes
Vincent Howell	Yes	David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes

Recorder Anna Gonzales re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for September 10th, September 12th Special, September 12th Work Session and September 19, 2018 as amended. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David G. Romero	Yes	Barbara A. Casey	Yes
Vincent Howell	Yes	David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes

Recorder Anna Gonzales re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

MAYOR’S APPOINTMENTS/REPORTS

Mayor Gurulé-Girón reported that she had been working diligently with the schools, along with Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. in regards to looking for housing for the homeless from the Samaritan House. She asked Council members to report on the status of their tasks regarding the Samaritan House.

Councilor Howell reported that he met with Pastor Saiz, who was very influential with other churches to discuss the issue regarding the Samaritan House. He advised they planned to meet with other Pastors, Ministers and the Samaritan House as well.

Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. reported he had been working with the churches, that he asked for assistance and that both churches would be coming together to help the Samaritan House.

Councilor Casey reported that she had been working with the Our Lady of Sorrows Church Council also with council member Martha Lopez regarding the need to locate temporary shelter for the Samaritan House until they can complete renovations or move in to the location purchased. She stated that Our Lady of Sorrows did not have adequate space to shelter the homeless although they would be making a generous donation to Samaritan House.

Councilor Romero reported he had been in discussion with several school board members and local businesses to help support the Samaritan House in the renovation of their building.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón reported she would be speaking at the City of Las Vegas School Board Meeting the following evening, in regards to assisting the Samaritan House. She asked Fire Chief Billy Montoya to report on the status of the permits and requirements in moving the Samaritan House forward and to find a way to expedite the process.

Fire Chief Billy Montoya reported he had been working diligently and closely with the New Mexico State Fire Marshal's Office, Mr. Gonzales with CID and Mr. Lyon. He advised they had performed an inspection and that the State Fire Marshal's Office and Mr. Gonzales would make the decision of issuing a temporary permit to the Samaritan House and added that it deviated from what the State Fire Marshal's Office usually practices although due to the conditions outside and the other building not being ready on time. He advised they were working with the City Manager regarding a backup plan which was looking into different facilities in the community.

Councilor Romero asked if transportation had been discussed and considered regarding the homeless.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón advised that Interim City Manager Gallegos was working on that as well.

Discussion took place regarding temporary fire suppression and fire watch issues.

Councilor Casey advised that she and Councilor Howell had attended the Samaritan House meeting the night before and they were surprised when they saw fliers that informed the possibility of Legion Park School becoming the temporary shelter. She advised they had not been informed that the Mayor was on the City School Board Meeting agenda and that they were not prepared to answer questions from several people. Councilor Casey commended City Manager Gallegos for the good job of addressing the issues that had been brought up and requested that in the future, if presentations were going to be made by the Mayor, that Council be notified so that they are apprised and ready to answer questions.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón advised that the City Manager knew about it and stated that she felt that she did not feel that she had to report it.

Councilor Casey advised that the reason of wanting to know of presentations by the Mayor, was due to the Mayor mentioning to City School Superintendent Cooper, that the City would be providing portable showers and other necessities for the shelter which would be an expenditure that would have to be approved by Council. She stated that Mr. Lyon was also not aware of the Mayor speaking before the school board and he was not prepared for the questions asked by the audience.

Interim City Manager Gallegos stated that hopefully the temporary permit would give the City time to work on many issues regarding the process of helping the Samaritan House and the City wanted to help them in any way.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón stated that the Council was aware of their directive and duties that had been discussed in executive session.

Discussion took place regarding the importance of working together in helping the Samaritan House.

Councilor Howell stated that the Governing Body needed to be apprised as to what the Mayor was doing and what was happening out in the community.

Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. stated he was happy about the Mayor presenting to the public at the City School Board meeting.

MAYOR'S RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

There were no recognitions/proclamations at this time.

PUBLIC INPUT

Las Vegas Police Department Lieutenant Michael Lopez spoke as President of the F.O.P and on behalf of the union members regarding the leadership needs of the Las Vegas Police Department. He advised that he personally was in support of Kenneth Jenkins being the next Las Vegas Chief of Police.

Jim Terr spoke briefly regarding his support of Deputy Chief Kenneth Jenkins as the Chief of Police for the Las Vegas Police Department.

Darin Romero spoke in regards to public safety in the community and of the many issues of the City of Las Vegas Police Department not having stable leadership.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón stated for the record that she was moving quickly on bringing in a Chief.

Darlene Baca spoke on several concerns regarding code enforcement issues on 6th and Friedman areas.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón advised that the City was addressing that issue and that Council would vote on the consent agenda which included the item regarding that specific property.

Wilbert Ryan spoke in support of appointing Deputy Chief Kenneth Jenkins as the Las Vegas Police Department Chief of Police.

PRESENTATIONS

Elmo Baca gave a detailed presentation regarding the Las Vegas New Mexico Community Foundation.

Questions were asked and brief discussion took place regarding appointing Community Foundation Community Advisory committee members. Mayor Gurulé-Girón recommended Councilor Howell and a Community Development staff member as part of the advisory committee.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón thanked Mr. Baca for the presentation and advised that if they brought back a viable proposal to the City in the future, they would review it for funding.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Interim City Manager Gallegos reported on several projects that were taking place which included:

- OEM Training took place on Thursday, 10/11/18
- Sick Leave Bank Policy
- Code Enforcement (addressing 45 cases)
- Carnegie Library Elevator in operation
- New Phone System Testing-early November

- Film Industry-Utilizing the City of Las Vegas
- Date to review Utility Rate Assessment
- Upcoming presentations-Utilities Dept.
(Utilities Rate Assessment/Peterson Dam)
- Franchise Agreement-Comcast Cable

*-Job Descriptions-reviewed by HRganics
-Carbon Monoxide Program-Fire Dept.
-Recreation Center Water Slide-Installation*

*-Asset Management Plan-City Roads
-Seek Funding for Comprehensive Master Plan*

Councilor Howell asked for an update regarding the recent Solid Waste issue.

Utilities Director Maria Gilvarry reported that one of the Solid Waste drivers was pushing trash on the floor up to the semis and pushed over a metal beam by having the front of the loader at the wrong angle. She advised they completed the procurement process, that it should be repaired by the end of the next business day and gave credit to her Solid Waste staff for coming up with a few alternatives regarding the trash pick up.

Discussion took place regarding procurement and emergency situations.

FINANCE REPORT

Interim Finance Director Tana Vega presented the Finance Report for the month ending September 30, 2018, reporting that the General Fund revenue was at 23% and expenditures were at 20%. She reported that Recreation Department revenue came in at 14% and expenditures were at 19%. Interim Finance Director Vega reported Enterprise Funds revenue came in at 21% and expenditures were at 20%.

Councilor Romero asked if members of the Finance Committee were provided detailed expenditure reports and if Council could be provided the report.

Interim City Manager Gallegos advised that a Reconciliation and a Board Expenditure Report could be provided to them.

Councilor Casey questioned the Recreation Department expenditures being 5% more than the revenues.

Interim Finance Director Vega explained that the increase of Recreation Department expenditures was due to the need of hiring additional staff for the Afterschool Program.

Councilor Howell asked for an update regarding increases in Gross Receipts Tax, Lodger's Tax and the Film Industry.

Interim Finance Director Vega advised there had been an increase of the GRT due to more construction taking place, roofing jobs, gasoline taxes (reported in the Street Improvement Fund) and also saw slight increases in the Lodger's Tax Fund from visitors and film staff.

Councilor Howell asked how the recent tariffs taking place had affected the City.

Brief discussion took place regarding some effects of the current tariffs in place.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked Ms. Vega when the Construction Industry Ratios were posted on the New Mexico Tax and Revenue website.

Interim Finance Director Vega advised that the ratios were posted monthly.

CONSENT AGENDA

Interim City Manager Gallegos read the Consent Agenda into record as follows:

1. Approval of Department of Public Safety Grant for Las Vegas Police Department Street Crimes Unit for overtime, confidential funds and Undercover vehicle maintenance.
2. Approval to award RFP #2019-02 to Animal Welfare Coalition of Northeastern New Mexico for animal services & shelter operations.
3. Approval of Resolution No. 18-37 Abatement of nuisances located at 1309 6th Street.

Resolution 18-37 was presented as follows:

**CITY OF LAS VEGAS
RESOLUTION NO. 18-37**

A RESOLUTION DECLARING 1309 6TH STREET WHICH IS OWNED AND CONTROLLED BY ROBERT HANFORD DALTON TO BE DANGEROUS, COVERED WITH RUINS, RUBBISH, WRECKAGE AND DEBRIS AND A NUISANCE REQUIRING ABATEMENT

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3-18-5, NMSA, 1978, whenever any building or structure is ruined, or any premise is covered with ruins, rubbish wreckage or debris, the governing body of a municipality may by resolution find that the ruined, damaged and dilapidated

building, structure or premises is a menace to the public comfort, health, peace or safety and require the removal from the municipality the building, structure, ruins, rubbish, wreckage or debris; and

WHEREAS, the Las Vegas City Council has received evidence from the Community Development Department/Code Enforcement as to the condition of a parcel of land described herein, which are owned, occupied or controlled by Robert Hanford Dalton, whose address is 502 Baca Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701., according to the records at the San Miguel County Assessor's Office and described in said records as "Harold and Reynolds Addition Lot 23-24 Block 3 (Parcel ID: 1-095-093-031-420.

WHEREAS, the property is a public nuisance and the premises are a menace to the public comfort, health, peace or safety of the community and is in violation of City of Las Vegas Ordinance 301 Sections 6 Nuisance Declared; Unsanitary Premises (B); Hazardous Premises (C); Accumulation of Solid Waste (D); Dangerous/Unsafe Buildings or Structures (H). Items stored on the premises and visible from the public right of way in violations of City ordinances include but are not limited to boards, tires, plastic, metal, couches, construction cones, ropes, cables, couches, computer chairs, and other items that are not clearly visible.

WHEREAS, the City sent certified mail to the property owner noted above. Certified Mail was returned unclaimed. Notices were also hand delivered to the property owner Robert Hanford Dalton.

WHEREAS, proper notices served upon certified mail and on the property included: a Notice of Violation on April 16, 2018; a Red Tag Notice of Violation on June 20, 2018; a Notice of Pending Abatement on July 26, 2018. In the face of these notices, the nuisances remain and continue to pose a hazard to health, welfare, and safety of the public. Notices and Red Tags allowed for a Total of 119 days to correct the violations noted above.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council, the governing body of the City of Las Vegas, New Mexico does hereby resolve:

A. That the above described parcel of land is a nuisance pursuant to Section 3-18-5, NMSA, 1978, is a menace to the public comfort, health, peace or safety and requires abatement as follows: All solid waste, rubbish and debris as described above and any other materials in violation of the Ordinance described above shall be removed from the property and properly disposed of.

B. The City shall serve a copy of this resolution on the owner, occupant or agent, including Robert Hanford Dalton, in charge of the premises as shown by the records of the County Assessors. If the owner occupant or agent in charge of the building, structure or premises cannot be served within the municipality, a copy of the resolution shall be posted on the building, structure or premises and a copy of the resolution shall be published one time.

C. Thereafter, and within ten (10) days after receipt of a copy of this resolution or of the posting and publishing of a copy of the resolution, the owner occupant or agent, in charge of the building, structure or premises shall commence removing the ruins, rubbish, wreckage and debris or file a written objection with the Municipal Clerk asking for a hearing before the governing body of the City of Las Vegas. .

D. That if a written objection is filed, the Governing Body shall follow the provisions as set forth of 3-18-5 D. NMSA 1978; fix a date for a hearing in its resolution and objection; consider all evidence for and against the removal resolution at the hearing; and determine if its resolution should be enforced or rescinded.

E. Any person aggrieved by the determination of the governing body may appeal to the district court by: giving notice of appeal to the governing body within 5 days after the determination made by the governing body; filing a petition in the district court within twenty days after the determination made by the governing body. The district court shall hear the matter de novo and enter judgment in accordance with its findings.

F. If the owner occupant or agent in charge of the building, structure or premises fails to commence removing the ruins, rubbish wreckage and debris as provided under NMSA 3-18-5 F, the municipality may remove ruins, rubbish wreckage and debris at the cost and expense of the owner. The reasonable cost of removal shall constitute a lien against the building, structure, ruins, rubbish wreckage and debris so removed and against the lots or parcels of land from which it was removed. The lien shall be foreclosed in the manner provided in sections 3-36-1 through 3-36-6 NMSA 1978.

G. The municipality may pay for the costs of removal of any condemned building, structure, wreckage, rubbish or debris by granting to the person removing such materials, the legal title to all salvageable materials in lieu of all other compensation.

H. Any person or firm removing any condemned building, structure, wreckage, rubbish or debris shall leave the premises from which the material has been removed in a clean, level and safe condition, suitable for further occupancy or construction and with all excavations filled.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 2018

Tonita Gurulé-Girón, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cassandra Fresquez, City Clerk

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:

Esther Garduno-Montoya, City Attorney

4. Approval of Resolution No. 18-41 assuring the availability of matching funds for the Plan and Design, Construction Management and Construction of the Municipal Airport SRE Building, for the storage of the Snow Removal Equipment as per FAA agreement. Total cost of the project = \$89,100.00, State Match = \$81,000.00, City Share = \$8,100.00.

Resolution 18-41 was presented as follows:

**CITY OF LAS VEGAS
RESOLUTION NO. 18-41**

A resolution supporting the New Mexico Department of Transportation Aviation Division, Project No. (LVS-19-01), for the Plan and Design Construction Management of the Las Vegas Municipal Airport SRE Building Modifications.

WHEREAS, the total cost of the project is \$89,100.00. State share is 90%, which is \$81,000.00 and City match is 10%, which is \$8,100.00 and;

WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas Governing Body has declared modifications that are needed to the SRE building as per FAA agreement for sheltering of Snow Removal Equipment and;

WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas will work in accordance with the funding requirements of the NMDOT Aviation Division, Project No. (LVS-19-01) and has budgeted \$8,100.00, which is 10% of the total project cost.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the local governing body of the City of Las Vegas, that the NMDOT Aviation Division Agreement for the above funding, be submitted to the NMDOT Aviation Division.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this _____ day of October, 2018.

CITY OF LAS VEGAS

**TONITA GURULE-GIRON
Mayor**

ATTEST:

**CASANDRA FRESQUEZ,
CITY CLERK**

5. Approval of Resolution #18-43 Budget Adjustment Resolution.

Resolution 18-43 was presented as follows:

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
MUNICIPALITY OF CITY OF LAS VEGAS
RESOLUTION 18-43
FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019
BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUEST

WHEREAS, The Governing Body in and for the Municipality of Las Vegas, State of New Mexico has developed a budget adjustment request for fiscal year 2018-2019; and

WHEREAS, said budget adjustment request was developed on the basis of need and through cooperation with all user departments, elected officials and other department supervisors, please see attached schedule; and

WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas is in need of making budget adjustments in the 2018-2019 fiscal year budget; to include an increase of \$60,000 in Lodgers Tax, \$24,999 CLG Grant funding, \$111,959 - Senior Ctr. Legislative Appropriation, \$573,506 in Coop. Projects, \$4,090,681 NMFA Loan Proceeds, and \$378,239 in Aviation Grant Funding.

WHEREAS, it is the majority opinion of this governing body that the budget adjustment request is approved and meets the requirements as currently determined for fiscal year 2018-2019;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Municipality of the City of Las Vegas, State of New Mexico hereby approves the budget adjustment request herein above described and respectfully requests approval from the Local Governing Division of the Department of Finance and Administration.

RESOLVED: In session this 17th day of October, 2018.

Tonita Gurule-Giron, Mayor

ATTEST:

Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

REVIEWED AND APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY ONLY:

Esther Garduno Montoya, City Attorney

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as read into the record. Councilor Howell seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David G. Romero	Yes	Barbara A. Casey	Yes
Vincent Howell	Yes	David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes

Recorder Anna Gonzales re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Approval/Disapproval of Resolution #18-42 request to continue support of the Amtrak Southwest Chief Passenger Service through Las Vegas, New Mexico.

Interim Community Development Director Virginia Marrujo advised that the City of Las Vegas was requesting the approval to continue support of Amtrak passenger services as the Southwest Chief which is currently in jeopardy of continuing the service through New Mexico, specifically through Raton, Las Vegas and Lamy.

Councilor Howell made a motion to approve of Resolution 18-42 request to continue support of the Amtrak Southwest Chief Passenger Service through Las Vegas, New Mexico. Councilor Casey seconded the motion.

Resolution 18-42 was presented as follows:

**CITY OF LAS VEGAS
CITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION NO. 18-42**

**A RESOLUTION ENDORSING EFFORTS TO CONTINUE SUPPORT OF
THE AMTRAK SOUTHWEST CHIEF PASSENGER SERVICE THROUGH
LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO**

WHEREAS, Amtrak's Southwest Chief serves Northern New Mexico on its long distance route between Chicago, IL and Los Angeles, CA on the host railroad line of Burlington Northern Santa Fe;

WHEREAS, the Train Depot was built in the late 1800's and designed in the Spanish Mission Style and renovated in 2000 with \$1.2 million secured federal, state and private sources;

WHEREAS, eastbound and westbound trains stop at Las Vegas daily and served more than 4,487 New Mexico passengers in 2017;

WHEREAS, Amtrak provides a transportation link to the residents of northern New Mexico that is of growing importance and will likely become critical as rising energy prices curtail the attractiveness of driving and flying;

WHEREAS, the train is a key economic contributor to Las Vegas, New Mexico and Northern New Mexico, including the cities of Raton, Santa Fe, and Lamy;

WHEREAS, railway freight traffic has declined, thereby reducing monies customarily set aside for rail maintenance and consequently forcing travel at lower speeds;

WHEREAS, it has been estimated that the rail traversed by the Southwest Chief is in immediate need of more than \$100 million in rail repairs in three states, including New Mexico, in order to resume normal speeds;

WHEREAS, it has been further projected that rail repairs over the course of the entire rail will total \$300 million over the next ten years;

WHEREAS, Amtrak is unable to make said repairs given current fiscal conditions;

WHEREAS, the route of the Southwest Chief through Raton, Las Vegas, Lamy (Santa Fe) and Albuquerque is threatened by an alternative route under consideration that would reroute the train south from Newton, Kansas through the Texas Panhandle to New Mexico west of Albuquerque, bypassing Las Vegas;

WHEREAS, the Southwest Chief is of the utmost importance to the City of Las Vegas as community members, business owners, homeowners, and city government are investing in the revitalization of the Historic Railroad District;

WHEREAS, the Southwest Chief is important to the increase of historical tourism as the City of Las Vegas consists of over 900 buildings on the National Historic Registry;

WHEREAS, the Southwest Chief serves as one of three forms of transportation in and out of Las Vegas;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS, to call upon the Governor of the State of New Mexico, members of the legislature of the State of New Mexico, and the congressional delegation of the State of New Mexico to strongly endorse continuation of Amtrak's current Southwest Chief route through Northern New Mexico.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2018.

Tonita Gurulé-Girón, Mayor

ATTEST:

Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:

Esther Garduño-Montoya, City Attorney

Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David G. Romero	Yes	Barbara A. Casey	Yes
Vincent Howell	Yes	David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes

Recorder Anna Gonzales re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

COUNCILORS' REPORTS

Councilor Romero asked for an update regarding Tilden Avenue and about the debris at the Housing Department.

Interim City Manager Gallegos advised that Code Enforcement Officer Lujan would be checking with the property owner on Tilden and stated she would get back to Council with a current update. Regarding the debris at the Housing, she stated that Housing Department was waiting on their new budget to try and clean the area and added she would get a current update in the morning.

Councilor Romero asked when the Governing Body Rules and Procedure would be reviewed by City Attorney Esther Garduno Montoya.

City Attorney Garduno Montoya stated that there were a couple of issues regarding the Governing Body Rules & Procedures and the City Charter, and understood that direction had been given to review both. She advised that there had been changes that had not been incorporated in the copies that she had and the Charter Committee had not met in a long time.

City Attorney Garduno Montoya advised that after reviewing some Charter Committee meeting minutes, understood that several board members had quit and that her intent was to send letters to Charter Committee members asking if their intent was to remain on the board or to resign. She stated that she wanted to make sure appointments were made, work towards reviewing and getting started with the Charter.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón advised that she was not certain if members quit or the Charter Committee dismantled, she thanked City Attorney Garduno Montoya for following up with the matter.

Councilor Romero advised City Attorney Garduno Montoya that regarding the Governing Body Rules & Procedures, one of the biggest issues was Council members getting items on the agenda and that in his opinion, it should only take two members of Council to request an item to be placed on the agenda or could be voted down by the majority. He stated that that was a change he would like to see.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón stated that they recently had adopted a resolution and advised that the City Attorney review the resolution that they had presented for the consensus.

Councilor Romero advised that the resolution could be changed and would like to see it changed by this Governing body. He stated that he felt he did not have a voice when he requested to put items on the agenda and could not and that eliminated the voices of the people from his ward. Councilor Romero stated that it was not fair that he could not represent them and would continue to request items to placed on the agenda.

Councilor Romero asked if the treadmills at the Recreation Center were being repaired and was concerned about the shortage of employees there.

Recreation Manager Sonia Gomez advised that they were in the process of the treadmills being repaired and also in hiring more staff.

Councilor Casey spoke of concerns regarding the Governing Body Rules & Procedures and it being in disarray and was glad that the City Attorney would be reviewing it.

Councilor Casey asked City Manager Gallegos if they could address the issues on Garfield Street. She also stated that she hoped that this year for Las Vegas Night at the Legislature, something different could be tried in regards to getting Legislators there so that they can lobby them for the needs of the City.

Interim Community Development Director Virginia Marrujo explained that last year they were scheduled at the time they were presenting the 100th Bill Celebration and informed that it had been scheduled this year for February 28, 2019, during "Higher Education Day".

Councilor Casey thanked all the City staff for all their hard work and their willingness to do whatever it takes to serve the community.

Councilor Howell advised that after speaking to the property owner on Collins Street across the Housing Authority regarding weeds, the owner would be addressing the issue.

Councilor Howell stated that his concern of skunks was very serious and informed that he believed that either the USDA or Wildlife Refuge offered a grant to address that issue and recommended that a representative from either organization come speak and share information on how to address the skunk issue.

Interim City Manager Gallegos advised that Code Enforcement was working on receiving training and information to bring back to Council regarding the issue. She stated she would look into bringing in a representative from USDA or Wildlife Refuge to present to Council and would do research on the grant.

Councilor Howell stated that he looked forward for Ms. Daves to speak in the future.

Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. asked that Public Works department address the overgrown weeds on Salazar, Romero and Santa Ana Streets, due to the overgrowth blocking the view of stop signs.

Brief discussion took place regarding other stop sign issues, street lights and a possible traffic study.

Councilor Romero thanked Deputy Chief Jenkins for taking on the responsibilities at the Police Department along with the rest of the Command staff.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón explained that there were issues of neighbors and property maintenance at Garfield Street and stated they needed to give direction to the City Attorney to vacate although needed a full consensus from the Governing Body in order to move forward. All of the Governing Body agreed to move forward regarding the Garfield Street vacate.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no need for Executive Session at this time.

ADJOURN

Councilor Romero made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Casey seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David G. Romero	Yes	Barbara A. Casey	Yes
Vincent Howell	Yes	David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes

Recorder Anna Gonzales re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.



Mayor Tonita Gurulé-Girón

ATTEST:



Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk